

STRIX PULCHELLA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum aduncum (absque cera.)

Nares pennis setaceis recumbentibus obtectæ.

Caput grande: auribus oculisque magnis.

Lingua bifida.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 131.

Ord. *Accipitres*.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

STRIX capite auriculato, corpore cinereo, punctis maculis striisque nigris variato, remigibus albo maculatis.

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Pallas.

Latham. Synops. vol. 1. p. 130.

Avicula, magnitudine naturali in tabula depicta, est omnium noctuarum hætenus cognitarum minima. Inter eas species sui generis militat quæ nomine noctuarum auritarum distinguuntur; quarum nempe tempora fasciculis plumosis exstantibus ornantur. Siberiam habitat, et varias Moscoviæ regiones. Species est maxime elegans et concinna. Color ejus primarius est dilutissime cinereus, seu canus, punctis innumeris

meris maculisque nigris et subferrugineis pulcherrime irroratus. Alarum remiges, seu pennæ fusco alboque fasciatæ. Cauda quoque albido leviter fasciata est; et tota avis coloribus suis avi *Torquillæ* non est absimilis. Pectus et abdomen albicant, maculis longitudinalibus nigris notata.



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THE
LEAST HORNED OWL.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill hooked, not furnished with a cere.
Nostrils covered with recumbent bristly feathers.
Head large: *Ears* and *Eyes* very large.
Tongue bifid.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

HORNED OWL with pale grey plumage, varied with specks and markings of black and brownish; the long feathers of the wings spotted with white.

SIBERIAN OWL.

Latham. Synops. vol. 1. p. 130.

The bird here represented in its natural size, is the least species of Owl yet known; it is of that division of the genus which contains the species commonly called Horned Owls, or such as have a tuft of feathers standing up on each side of the forehead. It is a native of Siberia, and is found in several parts of Russia. It is a species of uncommon elegance of plumage. The

general or ground colour is a very pale grey or ash-colour; curiously sprinkled all over with innumerable points and spots of black, brownish, &c. The long feathers of the wings are barred with brown and white; the tail is also slightly fasciated with white, and the whole plumage bears a very considerable resemblance to that of the Wryneck. The breast and belly are whitish, with longitudinal marks of black.